

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1797

To amend section 203 of the National Housing Act to require properties that are subject to mortgages insured under the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program to be inspected and determined to comply with the minimum property standards established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FHA Property Inspec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.**

2 Section 203 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
3 1709) is amended by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(l) PROPERTY INSPECTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of this section, a dwelling may not be pro-
8 vided insurance pursuant to this section unless the
9 dwelling has been determined, pursuant to an in-
10 spection by a building inspector certified under para-
11 graph (2), to comply with the minimum property
12 standards issued by the Secretary and applicable to
13 properties insured under this section.

14 “(2) CERTIFICATION OF INSPECTORS.—The
15 Secretary shall establish such licensing and other
16 qualifications for building inspectors as the Sec-
17 retary considers appropriate to ensure that inspec-
18 tions under paragraph (1) are conducted in a com-
19 petent and professional manner. The Secretary shall
20 certify building inspectors meeting such qualifica-
21 tions as authorized to conduct such inspections.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 The amendment made by section 2 shall apply only
24 to properties approved for mortgage insurance after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act.